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SECRET [redacted]

7 October 1970

TRACK II

A. [redacted]

1. Station False Flag officer met with [redacted] on [redacted] October. [redacted] claims to be collaborating with General Viaux in plotting a coup.

2. [redacted] Station plans to put him in touch with the Viaux camp.

3. COS Santiago is scheduled to meet with [redacted] tonight to advise him that the USG is unhappy with the prospect of an Allende Presidency and is prepared to help deny him the office.

4. [redacted] who promised to contact General Valenzuela and [redacted] and ask them to dissuade General Viaux from attempting a premature coup.

5. Station was asked to begin a rumor campaign and undertake other activities to help create a coup climate.

6. COS will submit daily operational situation reports by the opening of business each day. The first report arrived this morning.

B. Accomplishments:

[redacted] is now actively engaged in establishing contact with military targets. [redacted] a "false flag" staffer, [redacted] contacted [redacted] who claims to have 4000 (unarmed) men in the Santiago area. The officer described [redacted] as a "genuine" plotter, fanatic anti-Communist, seeking to prevent an Allende Presidency by force.

C. Situation:

With only seventeen days remaining before the Chilean congressional run-off, President Frei and the highest levels of the Armed Forces appear unable to pull themselves together to block Allende. The Chilean military's tradition of non-intervention, Frei's reluctance to tarnish his historical image, General Schneider's firm constitutional stand, and most importantly the lack of leadership within the government and military, are working against a military take-over.

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